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BRIEF NOTES.

Contractor Callahan is laying a flagstone walk in front of Mr. M. A. Dailey's residence on Orange street.

A Junior Cleveland and Thurman club has been organized among the young men residing near Bloomfield avenue and Orange street.

R. N. Dodd's express wagons conveyed the members of Pierson Post Fife and Drum Corps and their friends to Rockaway river on Thursday morning.

Jenkins & Johnson are painting the several houses belonging to W. A. Freeman and Thomas Flannery on Orange street.

Samuel Moore, Jr., returned to Bloomfield on Tuesday night after an absence of two years, during which time he has visited places of interest in the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Saxton, of Lake street, lost their second twin and only remaining child on Wednesday morning. Both children died within a week of each other.

Carrie the only daughter of Mr. Smith, Superintendent of the Cemetery, died on Monday. She was a bright, promising girl, eight years of age, and her loss is deeply mourned by her family.

A number of Bloomfield people went to Montclair on Monday night to hear Walter Mills, the celebrated Prohibition orator. They were doomed to disappointment as Mr. Mills did not put in an appearance.

Miss Jennie, daughter of Adam Wisner, of Franklin street, died on Sunday from intermittent fever. Her illness was of short duration. The funeral services were held in the German Presbyterian Church on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. M. Ennslin.

The Glen Ridge Quarry and Mining Company are stripping a large area of rock and have a quantity of Number (3) stone for cellar and other underground work which would be profitable for masons to inspect, as they will reduce price to save handling and make room.

The members of Phœnix Hose Company No. 1, claim to have the finest building for the purpose in the town. They have been busy of late making external and internal improvements. Gilt letters over the doorway indicate the name and number of the company.

Louis E. Bliss and family are at the Brighton Hotel, Asbury Park. Last week a little child in the family accidentally swallowed a carpet tack which it picked up on the hotel veranda. At last account all effort to relieve the child of it failed.

A quarrel occurred last Sunday in the house of Frank Croose, corner of Second street and Glenwood avenue, in which Richard Maxwell struck Fred. S. Lewis. The latter had Maxwell arrested. Abraham Day, his employer, furnished bail for his appearance for trial. Interesting developments as to the observance of the Sunday clause of the new liquor law are expected during this trial.

A sneak thief entered the residence of Albert Meeker, on Bloomfield avenue, Monday forenoon and stole a portion of Mr. Meeker's Sunday suit, containing his wallet which contained ten dollars, and a large number of valuable receipts. Mr. Meeker's vest containing money, and his son Walter's vest with a gold watch in the pocket were hanging close by, but the thief did not take them. A girl next door to Mr. Meeker states that she saw a peddler enter the house, but she did not see him come out.

Mr. Thomas Baxter, the real estate agent, has been annoyed lately by numerous complaints from people to the effect that they have loaned wheelbarrows and other utensils to a man who represented himself as employed by Mr. Baxter. The utensils are never returned. The swindler's method is to go to a house adjoining one that Mr. Baxter is known to be the agent for, and pretend that he has been sent to do some work, and that his employer would be much obliged if they could accommodate him with the necessary implements. Mr. Baxter is of the opinion that he knows who the imposter is, and if he continues to repeat the offence he will put the police on his track.

A thunder storm of unusual severity passed over Bloomfield last Saturday night. Damage of a slight character was done by lightning in several parts of the town. A house on Prospect street belonging to Joseph Hall was struck. The electric fluid ran down the lightningrod to the ground. Several windows were broken. The wire fence around Enoch Chatterton's flower garden was charged with electricity and a number of valuable plants destroyed. The same phenomena

[BY AUTHORITY.]

LAWS OF NEW JERSEY.

CHAPTER I.

Further Supplement to an act entitled "An act constituting district courts in certain cities in this State," approved March ninth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That every district court now established under the act to which this is a supplement, and under the supplements thereto, or which may hereafter be established shall be a continuous court of record, and when any judge thereof shall cease holding his office, every suit and proceeding pending in said court, whether originally commenced in or removed to said court, shall be continued and proceeded with by and before the succeeding judge thereof, who shall also, in any suit or proceeding which may have been previously removed from said district court by appeal or on certiorari, take cognizance thereof and proceed therewith the when necessity to do so shall occur; provided, that where the trial of any has been commenced and not concluded, or if concluded the case has not been decided previous to the entry by such successor upon the duties of his office, such trial shall be continued and concluded, and judgment in such case shall be rendered by the judge before whom said trial was commenced or had, and his judgment therein shall be entered as and shall be the judgment of said court, unless said former judge by and before whom the trial of said case was commenced or had, shall have died, or become incapacitated, or shall have removed from the city, then in either event, the said case shall be tried by and before such succeeding judge as if the trial of it had not been previously had or commenced: and the judge of any district court before whom such trial commenced, if he shall close and decide the case after his successor shall enter upon his office, shall unless he is his own successor, receive from and be paid by the city in which said district court is established five dollars for each day that he shall be engaged in such case, not exceeding three days' pay in each case.

2. And be it enacted, That in any district court mentioned in this act, the judge may adjourn as in his judgment may be necessary, any suit or proceeding, from time to time, and for such periods as he may decide or direct.

3. And be it enacted, That when a judge of any district court mentioned in this act, shall cease to be the judge thereof, the then clerk of such court shall continue to be the clerk thereof, until the appointment of a clerk of such court is duly made and bond is given and oath of office taken by the clerk so appointed.

4. And be it enacted, That all books, papers, proceedings, files, dockets, records and writings, which have been heretofore or shall be hereafter used in any of the said district courts by any clerk thereof, shall belong to said court, and shall, when a clerk of said court shall cease to act, be delivered to the successor of said clerk.

5. And be it enacted, That the clerk of any of said district courts may make out transcripts or copies of any books, papers, proceedings, files, dockets, records or writings of said court, and certify them under his hand and the seal of said court, which shall, when so certified, be used as evidence in all courts of law and equity in this state, with the same force and effect as if the original from which such certified transcript or copy was made were produced.

6. And be it enacted, That the clerk of any district court aforesaid may issue on any judgment heretofore or which may hereafter be recovered in said court, an execution, an alias or pluries execution, or any executions after a pluries execution which may be necessary; provided, that after the lapse of six years from the recovery of judgment, he shall not issue either of such executions until an affidavit be filed that the whole, or if part, what part, of the money recovered and costs remain unpaid.

7. And be it enacted, That any execution which within one year thereafter may be issued or which shall be hereafter issued out of any of said district courts, by virtue of which there has been or shall be a legal levy made upon goods and chattels, shall, after the expiration of one year from the issue of said execution, remain valid and in full force as against the goods and chattels so levied upon, until the said goods and chattels levied upon shall be sold by virtue of said execution or by virtue of any lien or liens upon said goods and chattels prior to the lien acquired by the levy under said execution, or until the amount of the judgment on which said execution was issued and costs and interest be paid in full; and in case of the death or inability to act of an officer by whom a levy has been made by virtue of any execution issued out of said court, upon due proof thereof to the satisfaction of the judge of said court and of the amount which remains due upon said execution, the said judge may appoint a constable to proceed with and execute said execution, and such constable so appointed shall have the same power he would have had, and shall, in all things then yet to be done, proceed after such appointment in the same manner he would have proceeded if the execution had been originally delivered to him, and he had done what up to the time of his appointment was done by the officer to whom said exection was originally delivered, but so that such officer so appointed shall not be liable for any default or error of the officer to whom the execution was originally delivered.

8. And be it enacted, That whenever in any suit for the dispossession of a tenant or tenants, upon the return day of the summons, or any adjourned day, there is no appearance by or on behalf of any tenant named therein, or if any defendant shall appear, but make no defence, the court may, if it appears that said summons has been duly issued and served, hear and determine the cause upon the affidavit or affidavits filed, without the production of witnesses or other proofs.

9. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 30, 1888.

CHAPTER II.

A Further Supplement to "An act relative to sales of land under a public statute, or by virtue of any legal proceedings" [Revision], approved March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and the supplement thereto, approved April ninth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That no sale of land heretofore made shall be invalidated by reason of the omission to publish the advertisement of such sale in two newspapers printed and published in the county in which such lands are situate, in the manner required by the acts to which this is a further supplement, but that any purchaser or purchasers of lands at such sale, who shall have complied with the conditions of such sale, shall be entitled to have a deed for the lands so purchased, notwithstanding the sale was not advertised in both newspapers of the county in which the land was situated; provided, that where the sale has been made by direction of any court of competent jurisdiction, any order confirming such sale shall first be made by said court, or a judge thereof, upon it appearing to the satisfaction of said court or judge that the land has been sold for a fair price, and that it is proper in such case to make the order, and a deed or deeds so given shall operate to transfer the title to the purchaser or purchasers by the collector or collectors advertised in two newspapers of the county where the lands are situated, in the manner and as required by the acts to which this is a further supplement.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 30, 1888.

CHAPTER III.

A Supplement to an act entitled "A further supplement to an act entitled 'An act regulating proceedings in criminal cases,'" approved March seventeenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That section one of the act to which this is a supplement be amended to read as follows:

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That if one of the Justices of the Supreme Court shall not be present at the court house in any county of this state on any day when said grand jury sions of the peace in and for such county may receive such indictments and presentments as may be presented by said grand jury, and may also discharge the grand jury, the same as the court of oyer and terminer might do if said justice of the supreme court were personally present.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 31, 1888.

CHAPTER IV.

Supplement to an act entitled "An act to provide for the purchase of the tract of land on the Atlantic coast, in the county of Monmouth, and to vacate certain streets and to take and extinguish certain easements thereon and therein," approved April twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the grand army of the republic of this state shall be entitled to the free use of the encampment grounds upon the said tract of land, for an annual encampment thereon, at such times as they may appoint for that purpose, subject to the approval of the governor.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 1, 1888.

CHAPTER V.

Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That whenever the time limited for the completion of any railroad authorized to be constructed within this state, under any special or general act or acts, shall expire during the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, such time shall be and the same is extended for a further period of two years; provided, however, that this act shall not apply unless money has been actually expended in surveys or locations of routes, or in acquisition of right of way, or in construction; and provided further, that this act shall not apply to any corporation unless such corporation shall first, and as a condition precedent to the exercise of any power granted by this act, file in the office of the secretary of state an agreement, to be approved by the governor and the attorney general, waiving all rights of exemption from taxation, and from privileges and advantages arising from any law or contract (if any there be) establishing any special mode of taxation of any such corporation, and the further agreement to be bound by any general law of this state, now in existence, or that may hereafter be passed, taxing such corporations as are now authorized to be taxed by the legislature of the state under any general law; and further agreeing that the exercise of any power granted by this act shall not in any way affect the rights of the state (if any there exist) to take the property of such corporation under any existing law of the state; and further agreeing that all laws affecting such corporations shall be subject to alteration or repeal by the legislature.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall be deemed a public act and shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 6, 1888.

CHAPTER VI.

A Supplement to an act entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes" [Revision] approved March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That if any officer, clerk, agent or member of any library association duly incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, or any other person whatsoever, shall wilfully cut, mark, mutilate or otherwise injure any book, volume, map, chart, magazine, newspaper, painting or engravings belonging to or deposited with any library so incorporated as aforesaid, or shall procure such injury to be done as herein stated, every such person shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof by any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be liable for each offense to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court; provided, however, that no prosecution shall be maintained under this act unless the library association so complaining shall have at least two printed copies of this act conspicuously placed upon the premises.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 6, 1888.

CHAPTER VII.

A Supplement to an act entitled "An act to establish a bureau of statistics upon the subject of labor, considered in its relation to the growth and development of the State industries."

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the sum of four thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the current expenses of said bureau.

2. And be it enacted, That the treasurer of this state is hereby authorized to pay, from any money not otherwise appropriated, the sum provided for in the first section of this act.

3. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 6, 1888.

CHAPTER VIII.

A Supplement to an act entitled "An act for the incorporation of safe deposit and trust companies," [passed April twentieth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four].

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That in addition to the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, and the powers and authority therein and thereby given, it shall and may be lawful for any trust company, incorporated or organized under said act or any special law, and doing business in any city in this state where there now is no national or state bank of discount and deposit, to discount bills, notes and other evidences of debt, to buy and sell gold and silver bullion and foreign coins and money, and to buy and sell bills of exchange and commercial paper and to use so much of their capital, deposits and funds for such purposes as their respective directors shall, from time to time, designate; provided, however, that the assent in writing be first obtained of two-thirds of the stockholders of such company or companies as may decide by a unanimous vote of its or their directors to avail themselves of the privileges of this act.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 6, 1888.

CHAPTER IX.

An Act to amend an act entitled "A supplement to an act entitled 'An act fixing the compensation of certain public officers of this state,'" which supplement was approved March fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That section one of the act to which this is a supplement be and the same is hereby amended so that the some shall read as follows:

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the state librarian be and he is hereby authorized by and with the approval of the governor of this state, to employ such assistants as may be necessary in his department; provided, that the annual cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of eighteen hundred dollars.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 6, 1888.

CHAPTER XI.

An Act to amend an act entitled "Supplement to an act entitled 'An act concerning taxes,' approved April fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six," which said supplemental act was approved April sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That section one of said supplemental act, approved April sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and which said section now reads as follows:

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That hereafter there shall not be assessed upon any inhabitant of this state more than one poll tax in any one year, except in districts where a roll tax is levied for school purposes, be and the same is hereby amended so that henceforth the said section shall read as follows, to wit:

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That hereafter there shall not be assessed upon any inhabitant of this state more than one poll tax in any one year, except in dist icts where a poll tax is levied for school purposes, which said tax shall be assessed by the assessors and collected by the collectors of the several townships of this state, respectively; provided, however, that where any incorporated city, town or borough is comprised within the territorial limits of any township, and the governing body of any such incorporated city, town or borough shall, in any year or years, pursuant to its charter or act of incorporation, or any supplement thereto, impose a poll tax upon the inhabitants of such city, town or borough, such tax shall, within the corporate limits of such city, town or borough, be assessed and collected by the assessor and collector of such incorporated city, town or borough to and for the use of such city, town or borough; and no other poll tax (except for school purposes) shall, in any such year or years as aforesaid, be assessed upon or collected from the inhabitants of any such city, town or borough by the assessor and collector of any township within the territorial limits of which any such city, town or borough may be included.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 11, 1888.

CHAPTER XII.

An Act to facilitate proceedings in the prerogative court.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That there shall be a vice-ordinary or vice-surrogate general, who shall be a counselor-at-law of at least ten years' standing, who shall be appointed by the ordinary or surrogate-general from among the vice-chancellors of the court of chancery, and commissioned by the governor under the great seal of the state, and who shall continue in office during his term of office as vice-chancellor.

2. And be it enacted, That the ordinary or surrogate-general may refer to such officer any cause or other matter which at any time may be pending in the prerogative court, to hear the same for the ordinary or surrogate-general, and report thereon to him and advise what order or decree should be made therein; and any matter or cause in which the ordinary or surrogate-general is interested may be so referred.

3. And be it enacted, That when any cause or matter shall be so referred to such officer it shall be lawful for him to take and hear the evidence of any or all witnesses in such cause or matter, orally, in the same manner as the evidence is now taken and heard in the several courts of law in this state on trials before a jury; and if a report of the evidence so taken before him shall become necessary in the progress of said cause, for use on appeal from the

now authorized by law to employ such reporters and that such stenographic reporters shall be compensated in the same manner and after the same rates that such stenographers are compensated for services rendered to vice chancellors.

5. And be it enacted, That the vice-ordinary or vice-surrogate general shall receive as compensation for the performance of the duties which shall be imposed upon him under this act, an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, in addition to his compensation as vice-chancellor, to be paid to him by the treasurer of the state in equal monthly or quarter-yearly payments, as he shall from time to time elect.

6. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 11, 1888.

CHAPTER XIII.

A Further supplement to an act entitled "An act to provide for drainage and sewage in densely populated townships in which there is a public water-supply," approved March fourth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That it shall be lawful for the township committee of any township in which any sewer or drain shall be constructed under the provisions of a supplement to the act of which this is a supplement, passed April second, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, to borrow money from time to time in the corporate name of said township, and to secure the payment of the same by bond, note or instrument in writing, under the common seal of said township, in anticipation of the collection of any assessment provided for said supplement; and every such bond, note or other instrument in writing under the common seal of said township, signed by the chairman of the township committee, in pursuance of a resolution of said committee, shall be the valid obligation of said township; and the township committee may negotiate the same on the most favorable terms they may be able to make with the most reasonable care and diligence.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 11, 1888.

CHAPTER XIV.

A Further Supplement to an act entitled "An act relative to the jurisdiction and practice of district courts in this State," approved March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That whenever in any case in which an appeal shall have been or may hereafter be taken from the judgment of the judge of any district court established in any city of this State, whether by general or special statute, the judge of said court shall have failed for any reason to settle and sign the case as required by law, within the space of three months from the time of rendering such judgment, the court of common pleas shall, upon such appeal, try the case de novo.

2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 11, 1888.

CHAPTER XV.

An act authorizing towns to change the width of streets in certain cases.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That it shall be lawful for the council or other governing board of any town in this state having the power to open and improve streets, to change by ordinance the width of any street or section of street in such town, where the same has been established and laid down on the official map of the town and where such street or section of street has not been opened or dedicated to public use; provided, however, that the owners of a majority of the land fronting on the street so proposed to be changed shall petition in writing for the passage of such ordinance.

2. And be it enacted, That all acts and parts of acts, local, general or special, public or private, inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 13, 1888.

CHAPTER XVI.

A Supplement to an act entitled "An act to secure to creditors an equal and just division of the estates of debtors who convey to assignees for the benefit of creditors," [Revision] approved March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That in every conveyance or assignment, made by a debtor or debtors under the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, the debtor or debtors shall state in said conveyance or assignment specifically the place at which and the kind of business carried on by him, her or them at the time of the making of the conveyance or assignment; and if the same be carried on in a city, the street and number thereof, and if in a town, borough or village, such apt description as shall identify the debtor or the debtors so making the conveyance or assignment as aforesaid.

Approved February 13, 1888.

CHAPTER XVII.

An act authorizing cities to purchase land and to erect buildings thereon for fire department purposes, within the limits of townships heretofore annexed to cities, and to provide for the payment thereof.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That where any township has been annexed to an adjoining city, and in said township there were no houses used for fire department purposes, and the city to which such township was annexed has made no provision for the location of fire department apparatus, then the proper authority or authorities in such city are hereby authorized to purchase a plot of ground within the limits of the township so annexed, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building for the use of the fire department of such city, at a cost not to exceed seven thousand dollars.

2. And be it enacted, That all work and labor done and materials furnished for the erection of said building shall be done and furnished by contract, awarded upon at least two weeks' advertisement in the two official newspapers having the largest circulation, to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders for the same.

3. And be it enacted, That the municipal board of any such city having the management and control of the finances of such city are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds, either registered or coupon, to an amount not exceeding seven thousand dollars, to raise money to pay for the purchase of such plot and the erection and construction of said building; that said bonds shall be payable in seven years from the date thereof, and shall bear interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, to be sold at not less than par, and that there shall be a sufficient sum appropriated and put in the tax levy of such city each year to pay the interest on such bonds, and also there shall in each year be appropriated and put in the tax levy of such city the further sum of one thousand dollars toward the payment of said bonds, to be properly invested and deposited in the sinking fund of such city to meet the payment of said bonds when they shall become due and payable.

4. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 13, 1888.

CHAPTER XVIII.

A further supplement to an act entitled "A supplement to an act entitled 'An act to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies,' approved April ninth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five" which supplement was approved March eighth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

1. Be it enacted be the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That section two of the supplement to the act to which this is a further supplement be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

2. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That any fire insurance company not organized under the laws of this state, doing business on the mutual plan, may be admitted to transact business in this state, if it shall appear to the secretary of state that such company is possessed of cash assets well invested of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and a like amount of premium or deposit notes liable to assessment to pay losses, and if it shall in all other respects comply with the laws of this state and the requirements of the secretary of state in pursuance thereof; provided, however, that in any action brought for the recovery of any assessment or assessments for losses sustained by such foreign insurance company admitted to do business in this state, if, on the trial of such action, it shall be made to appear that at the time of procuring the certificate of the secretary of state for the year in which such insurance was made and deposit note given, such company was not possessed, bona fide (that is, worth in the market at the time, over and above all liens and incumbrances,) of cash assets well invested, of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and a like amount of premium or deposit notes liable to assessment to pay losses, then such insurance shall be deemed fraudulent and no recovery shall be had against any such insured for any [illegible] premium note and policy [illegible] parties thereto.

3. And be it enacted, Th[illegible] effect immediately.

Approved February 13, 1[illegible]

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An act concerning the c[illegible] improvement of the pa[illegible] streets in cities of th[illegible]

parks and of the public sewers and drains within the corporate limits thereof, shall be vested exclusively in the common council or board of alderman of such city, who shall have power to make, establish, modify, amend and repeal ordinances, rules, regulations and by-laws in relation to the same.

2. And be it enacted, That the common council or board of aldermen in such of the cities aforesaid shall from time to time appoint an officer to be known as a street commissioner, who shall have the charge and superintendence, under the direction of said common council or board of aldermen, of all the operations mentioned in the first section of this act, and whose duties, compensation, term of office and office bond shall be regulated and prescribed by ordinance.

3. And be it enacted, That any officer, commission or board (other than the common council or board of aldermen) now possessing any of the powers mentioned in the first section of this act in any of the cities aforesaid shall, as soon as this act shall take effect in such city, cease, determine and be abolished; and all assessments then remaining unpaid for street or sewerage improvement in such city shall be collected for the use of said city by the collector or other officer having charge of the collection of taxes, and he shall be vested with the same power and authority for the collection of such assessments with the interest and costs accrued thereon, by sale of land or otherwise, theretofore possessed by the officer, board or commission so as aforesaid abolished.

4. And be it enacted, That in order to provide for the expense of opening, constructing or improving any of the public ways and sewers of any of said cities, the common council or board of aldermen shall have power to cause assessments to be levied upon lands specially benefitted thereby in proportion to and not exceeding the peculiar benefit that each parcel so assessed shall be deemed to have received, the balance thereof to be paid by the city at large; that assessments having been confirmed, and if need be, corrected by the said common council or board of aldermen upon public notice given to all parties interested therein and public hearing of all objections made thereto, shall be a lien upon said lands with interest at six per centum per annum from the date of confirming the same with subsequent expenses of collection paramount to any mortgage or other incumbrance on said lands, and notwithstanding any error in naming or failure to name the owner of said lands; provided, that said lands shall, in the said assessment be sufficiently described and shall be recorded by the collector or collectors, by publishing such notice for four weeks, at least once in each, in two of the newspapers published in said city, if there be two newspapers there published, and if not, then in one such newspaper; and after the expiration of said period of sixty days the said common council or board of aldermen may, by resolution, direct that the said collecting officer proceed to collect such of the said assessments as shall not have been paid, by sale of lands upon which the same are liens respectively, which sale shall be made by the said collecting officer in the like manner and upon the like notice and advertisement for the like period, and with the like effect as sales are or may be made in such city for unpaid taxes.

5. And be it enacted, That the common council or board of aldermen shall, from time to time, by general ordinance, provide for all such matters touching the making, confirming and collection of assessments for the purposes aforesaid as are not provided for in this or some other statute applicable thereto.

6. And be it enacted, That all acts and parts of acts, both general and special, inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed; provided, however, that none of the foregoing provisions shall take effect in any city until the acceptance thereof shall have been submitted by resolution of said common council and board of aldermen, in its discretion to a popular vote, at any regular charter election or special election to be hereafter held in such city, [illegible] submission, such notice shall have been given by the city clerk as said resolution shall direct; and the legal voters of said city may, at such election, decide upon the acceptance or rejection of this act, by ballots upon which shall be written or printed the words "for the new law" or "against the new law," or some like phrase, expressing assent or dissent to this act, which ballot shall be cast as other ballots are cast at such election, and may be printed or written upon the same tickets upon which are contained the names of the candidates voted for, and said ballots so cast for or against this act shall be counted and the result thereof returned by the election officers, and a canvass of such return had in the same manner and at the same time as in case of ballots for candidates voted for at such election, and the acceptance or rejection of this act as so determined shall be declared and entered upon the minutes of said common council or board of aldermen accordingly, and if there shall be a majority of such ballots in favor thereof, but not otherwise, this act shall take effect in such city immediately: provided, that the acceptance of this act may be in like manner submitted, as aforesaid at successive elections, at the discretion of the common council or board of aldermen, until the same shall be accepted.

7. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect immediately, as regards the submission thereof to popular vote as aforesaid.

Passed February 14, 1888.

CHAPTER XX.

A Supplement to an act entitled "An act relative to county lunatic asylums," approved April fourth, anno domini, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That section one of the act to which this is a supplement be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the sum of two dollars per week for each county patient confined in any county lunatic asylum established by the board of chosen freeholders of such county shall be paid by the state treasurer, on the warrant of the comptroller, to the director of such board of chosen freeholders, upon a statement to be filed by him giving the number of such county patients which may have been thus supported in said asylum during the preceding quarter, computing from the first day of January.

2. And be it enacted, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 14, 1888.

CHAPTER XXI.

An act to enable cities to purchase lands for public parks or squares, and improve the same, and to issue bonds for the cost of such purchase and improvement.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That it shall and may be lawful for any city in this state in which any unimproved meadow land shall lie, its mayor and council or board of aldermen, by ordinance duly approved by the mayor, to purchase a plot of land in such city not to exceed five hundred lineal feet in depth by three hundred lineal feet in width; provided that the cost of such purchase shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars, and to lay out and maintain the said plot for use as a public square or park.

2. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of raising the said sum of twelve thousand dollars the said mayor or council or board of aldermen of said city shall have power to issue bonds under the corporate seal of said city and the signature of said mayor, in such sums and payable at such times as said mayor and council or board of aldermen may deem proper, bearing interest not to exceed the legal rate, payable semi annually, with coupons attached and pledging the credit and property of said city for the payment of the same, which bonds may be sold or assigned by the said mayor and council or board of aldermen; provided, that no bonds shall be sold for less than par value, and that said bonds shall be redeemable at a period not less than twenty years.

4. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of providing for the said bonds and interest, the mayor and council or board of aldermen shall have power and authority to provide by taxation a sum of money to pay and discharge the principal and interest of said bonds whenever the same shall become due and payable; provided that not less than two thousand dollars of the principal of said bonds shall be made redeemable in any one year.

4. And be it enacted, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this act be deemed a public act and take effect immediately.

Approved February 14, 1888.

CHAPTER XXII.

A further supplement to an act entitled "An act concerning corporations," [Revision], approved April seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That [illegible] power to decrease the [illegible] by filing in the office of [illegible] the assent in writing of [illegible] two-thirds in value of [illegible] said stockholders, [illegible] be proved or acknowledged of deeds of real [illegible] directors as decreased [illegible] of said corporation, under [illegible] special act of incorporation [illegible]

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